

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 PRETOR 02360 121624Z
ACTION AF-10

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02
 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02
 SS-15 USIA-15 AID-05 COME-00 EB-07 FRB-01 TRSE-00
 XMB-04 OPIC-06 LAB-04 EPG-02 SIL-01 OMB-01 /110 W
 -----121654Z 063802 /43

P 121500Z MAY 77
FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 7551
INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY GABORONE
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

UNCLAS PRETORIA 2360

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: RH, PINT, PFOR
SUBJECT: RHODESIAN OFFICIAL WELCOMES OWEN PLAN

SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTED THAT RHODESIAN DEPUTY PRIME
MINISTER DAVID SMITH TOLD A BUSINESS GROUP ON MAY 11 THAT
NEW " ANGLO-AMERICAN" INITIATIVE WAS " A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.
THERE IS LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TUNNEL. IT IS DIM YET,
BUT IT IS THERE." SMITH SAID THAT THE PLAN OFFERED THE
BEST CHANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME TO A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
TO OCCUR IN 25 YEARS. HOWEVER, HE REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT "IMMENSE
PATIENCE AND UNDERSTANDING" WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE
SETTLEMENT. HE STATED THAT HE LIKED DR. OWEN AS AN
INDIVIDUAL. " THE INITIAL IMPACT OF THE MAN IS THAT HE
APPEARS TO BE SINCERE AND GENUINE IN HIS APPROACH". BUT, HE
SAID, THE GOVERNMENT WOULD CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 PRETOR 02360 121624Z

"ELININATION OF TERRORISM" AS TOP PRIORITY . THE COST
OF THIS WOULD BE "HEAVY", HE SAID, BUT " ALTHOUGH A
POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IS PRIORITY IT MUST BE MADE ABUNDANTLY
CLEAR THAT POLITICAL POWER THROUGH THE BARREL OF A GUN
IS NEITHER ACCEPTABLE NOR POSSIBLE." SMITH ADDED THAT
THE DECISION BY BRITAIN TO ATTEND THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE
"TAKES THE FIRST PRIZE... FOR SHEER HYPRCRISY". HE SAID, " HOW

CAN ANY RHODESIAN PUT FAITH IN A BRITISH GOVERNMENT WHICH
BLATANTLY ENDORSES A VIST OF A MINISTER TO A CONFERENCE
WHICH SEEMS AIMED PRIMARILY AT THE " BARREL OF THE GUN'
APPROACH TO CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE." NELSON

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PERSONAL OPINION, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 12-May-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977PRETOR02360
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770167-0995
Format: TEL
From: PRETORIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770565/aaaacdyb.tel
Line Count: 66
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8cceb695-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION AF
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 10-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2547854
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: RHODESIAN OFFICIAL WELCOMES OWEN PLAN SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTED THAT RHODESIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER DAVID SMITH TOLD A BUSINESS GROUP ON MAY
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, RH, UK, US, (SMITH, DAVID)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8cceb695-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009